

CHAPTER 17:

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

COATESVILLE VA MEDICAL CENTER: SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMS

Program Information, please call Patient Entry Coordinator
(610) 384-7711 ext 6205

About the Program: Social Work at Coatesville VAMC is an integral part of health care. We help veterans and their families with problems associated with the stress of a medical or mental health illness.

Social workers help veterans find resources to meet their needs within the VA system and in their community such as

- Home health services
- Legal services
- Transportation
- Community living

Services Offered

Social work offers counseling:

- To veterans with drug, alcohol, and emotional concerns
- To help veterans and their families understand and adjust to a medical &/ mental health illness /disability
- To veterans and family members who want to prepare advance directives and durable powers of attorney for health care or finances
- To help veterans and their families cope with terminal illness, medical illnesses, mental health illnesses and their recovery
- To family members about legal issues such as commitment and guardianship

Counseling is conducted through:

- one-on-one discussions
- family conferences
- group classes

*Above SOURCE: Directly from <http://www.coatesville.va.gov/services/socialwork.asp>;
[Social Work Programs info/ Social work Executive on Social Work Programs .061908]

Coatesville VA Medical Center: Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST)

Program Name: VIST (Visual Impairment Services Team) Coordinator

Location: 1400 Black Horse Hill Rd,Bldg 2, Room 113
Coatesville, PA

Program is for: legally blind or severely visually impaired veterans

Available services: Referral to VA Blind Rehab Services and Low Vision Clinic services, referrals to community agencies for the blind; issuance of low vision prosthetic equipment, support and assistance with regard to severe visual impairment issues

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria: Legal Blindness diagnosis OR Severe Visual Impairment which exists when an individual is unable to read, travel independently, recognize faces, or perform activities of daily living based on impaired vision.

Refer to the program by: Contacting Michelle Focht, LCSW at 610-384-7711 x3929, pager 133, or by email

When referring please make sure: Order an Optometry Consult if veteran has not had a previous eye examination within the past year

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